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29 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ground Satellite Division, KPG  
Office of Development and Engineering

ATTENTION: Chief, Terrestrial Communications Segment

FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1  
Director, PHOTINT Tasking Office

SUBJECT: Request for Priority Allocation of STU II Equipment  
to PHOTINT Tasking Office, Intelligence Community Staff

1. This memorandum is to follow up a conversation between [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] of your organization and [REDACTED] of my staff relative to the need 25X1  
by the PHOTINT Tasking Office (PTO) of the Intelligence Community Staff  
for STU II dedicated secure link equipment. PTO has an urgent, immediate  
requirement for the allocation of two units and would like to be included  
in the initial procurement phase. We would welcome the opportunity to  
participate in the test phase of this equipment. The Intelligence Community  
Staff has allocated [REDACTED] of FY 82 funds to procure two STU II units 25X1  
[REDACTED] at this time. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. PTO's total requirement is for four (4) STU II units. These 25X1  
units will be located at the [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] CIA Headquarters; [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] Based on the production rate of approximately 25X1  
100 units per month and the sizeable government-wide requirement, we  
realize the need to prioritize requirements. Our immediate first priority  
requirement is for two (2) units, one to be located at the [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] A unit at [REDACTED] is our second priority, with the 25X1  
unit to be located at CIA Headquarters being third (fourth unit). Addi-  
tional funds will be programmed in FY 83 for the remaining two units.

3. A dedicated secure telephone link from [REDACTED] 25X1  
to [REDACTED] is essential for efficient, prompt conduct of PTO's 25X1  
responsibility for pre-mission planning of [REDACTED] operations, and 25X1  
[REDACTED] the up-to-date, timely, daily tasking of ad hoc and special 25X1  
requirements. To be able to accomplish responsive planning and tasking,

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PTO operations personnel located at the [redacted] must be able  
to communicate immediately and extensively several times daily with [redacted]  
personnel. The operational importance, frequency, length, and priority  
of these calls dictate the need for dedicated point-to-point secure tele-  
phone service (such as the STU II system) to assure prompt communication  
without preemption. The additional units, to be located at [redacted]  
Headquarters, will serve the Director, PTO, in times of crisis or other  
urgent tasking situations and will also serve as backup devices in case  
of failure of the one located at the [redacted]

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PTO/ICS, [redacted] (28 May 81)

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